

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A method for sharing an application, the method comprising:
 - 5 determining a position and a size of a non-DirectDraw region of a shared application window by monitoring function calls made by the application;
 - determining a position and a size of an DirectDraw region of a shared application window by monitoring a DirectDraw COM interface; and
 - capturing a screen shot of an image corresponding to the non-DirectDraw and the DirectDraw regions of the shared application window;
 - 10 wherein the position and the size of the non-DirectDraw region and the position and the size of the DirectDraw region define a position and a size of the shared application window.
2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - 15 transmitting the position and the size of the shared application window to a viewer.
3. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - 65 transmitting the screen shot to a viewer.
4. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - 20 determining a position and a size of a non-shared application window by monitoring function calls made by the non-shared application; and
 - 25 if the non-shared application window overlaps the shared application window, determining a position and a size of an overlapping region.

5. The method of Claim 4 further comprising:
transmitting the overlapping region to a viewer.

5 6. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
determining whether the position or the size of the shared application
window has changed by monitoring function calls made by the shared
application; and
if the position or the size of the shared application window has changed,
10 determining a new position and/or a new size of the shared application window.

15 7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
periodically capturing the image corresponding to the shared application
window.

8. The method of Claim 7 further comprising:
periodically transmitting the captured image to the viewer.

20 9. A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program
executable by a computer, the computer program comprising computer instructions for:
determining a position and a size of a non-DirectDraw region of a shared
application window by monitoring function calls made by the application;
determining a position and a size of an DirectDraw region of a shared
application window by monitoring by monitoring a DirectDraw COM interface;
25 and

capturing a screen shot of an image corresponding to the non-DirectDraw and the DirectDraw regions of the shared application window;
wherein the position and the size of the non-DirectDraw region and the
position and the size of the DirectDraw region define a position and a size of the
5 shared application window.

10. The computer readable storage medium of Claim 9 further comprising
computer instructions for:

transmitting the position and the size the shared application window to a
10 viewer.

15. The computer readable storage medium of Claim 9 further comprising
computer instructions for:

transmitting the screen shot to a viewer.

15. The computer readable storage medium of Claim 9 further comprising
computer instructions for:

determining a position and a size of a non-shared application window by
monitoring function calls made by the non-shared application; and
20 if the non-shared application window overlaps the shared application
window, determining a position and a size of an overlapping region.

25. The computer readable storage medium of Claim 12 further comprising
computer instructions for:

transmitting the overlapping region to a viewer.

14. The computer readable storage medium of Claim 9 further comprising
computer instructions for:

5 determining whether the position or the size of the shared application
window has changed by monitoring function calls made by the shared
application; and

if the position or the size of the shared application window has changed,
determining a new position and/or a new size of the shared application window.

10 15. The computer readable storage medium of Claim 9 further comprising
computer instructions for:

periodically capturing the image corresponding to the shared application
window.

15 16. The computer readable storage medium of Claim 15 further comprising
computer instructions for:

periodically transmitting the captured image to the viewer.

17. A data conferencing system comprising:

20 a presenter computer connected to one or more server computers via a
global area network;

a viewer computer connected to the one or more server computers via
the global area computer network; and

25 a computer program executable by the presenter computer, wherein the
computer program comprises computer instructions for:

determining a position and a size of a non-DirectDraw region of a shared application window by monitoring function calls made by the application;

5 determining a position and a size of an DirectDraw region of a shared application window by monitoring by monitoring a DirectDraw COM interface; and

capturing a screen shot of an image corresponding to the non-DirectDraw and the DirectDraw regions of the shared application window;

10 wherein the position and the size of the non-DirectDraw region and the position and the size of the DirectDraw region define a position and a size of the shared application window.

18. The data conferencing system of Claim 17 further comprising computer

15 instructions for:

transmitting the position and the size of the shared application window to a viewer computer.

19. The data conferencing system of Claim 17 further comprising computer

20 instructions for:

transmitting the screen shot to the viewer computer.

20. The data conferencing system of Claim 17 further comprising computer instructions for:

determining a position and a size of a non-shared application window by monitoring function calls made by the non-shared application; and if the non-shared application window overlaps the shared application window, determining a position and a size of an overlapping region.

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21. The data conferencing system of Claim 20 further comprising computer instructions for:
transmitting the overlapping region to a viewer.

10 22. The data conferencing system of Claim 17 further comprising computer instructions for:
determining whether the position or the size of the shared application window has changed by monitoring function calls made by the shared application; and if the position or the size of the shared application window has changed,
15 determining a new position and/or a new size of the shared application window.

20 23. The data conferencing system of Claim 17 further comprising computer instructions for:
periodically capturing the image corresponding to the shared application window.

24. The data conferencing system of Claim 23 further comprising computer instructions for:
periodically transmitting the captured image to the viewer computer.

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